Park Mills Survey District has 6 contributing structures which include a circa 1810-1820 stone dwelling with two sections and three other much-altered dwellings with some log structure in each. Two of the log buildings have modern siding, and all have modern roofing, and replacement windows, doors, porches and decks. Two unoccupied and deteriorated rural general stores stand at the intersection of Mt. Ephraim and Bear Branch Roads. Both have gable facades and functional windows and door openings. Mobley's Store, the more southerly of the two, has a faded painted sign above its shed porch identifying its trade as groceries and dry goods. Its german siding is applied in an unusual variation, with the drop at the bottom of each lapped board. The survey district is moderately significant for its association with several demolished rural industrial sites in the vicinity, including the National Register Amelung Glassworks, the Kohlenberg Glassworks, the Fleecy Dale Woolen Factory, and Ordeman's Distillery. These industries operated from about 1800 to 1870, but the village never developed much beyond its present size. However, the existence of two stores hints at its commercial activity in the late 19th century.

F-7-26 Park Mills Urbana Frederick County

<u>Historic Context</u>:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont (Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:
Agricultural-Industrial Transition, A.D. 1815-1870
Industrial/Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning Economic (Commercial)

Resource Types:

Category: District

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:

Domestic/single dwelling/residence

Commerce/Trade/department store/general store

Known Design Source: None

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7. Description

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Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 6

The Park Mills Survey District includes an area of about 5 acres centered at the intersection of Mt. Ephraim and Bear Branch Roads near Urbana, Frederick County, Maryland. The intersection is the approximate center of the village of Park Mills, a mill community established in the first quarter of the 19th century near the glass works of Adam Kohlenberg (demolished) which was active from about 1800 to 1808. The glass works were succeeded by the Fleecy Dale Woolen Factory which operated from about 1810 to 1870. The existing buildings include a stone dwelling of about 1810-1820, three log dwellings with considerable modern alterations which may date from about 1820-1840 in their original sections, and two unoccupied frame stores of the period about 1850-1870. Three of the dwellings are located on the east side of Mt. Ephraim Road, with the two stores on the north and south corners of Bear Branch The fourth dwelling is located west of the southern store on Bear Branch Road. Non-contributing modern dwellings are located west of this house and north of the northern store and are not included in the district boundary. The dates for the buildings were estimated from architectural evidence and historical maps. Land records for the vicinity are very complicated and could not be reliably sorted out to assist in dating and ownership, particularly in the early 19th century.

The district is fairly concentrated on the road intersection and the two road are two-lane paved roads just west of a higher-traffic thoroughfare, Park Mills Road. Along the east side of Mt. Ephraim Road is a worm fence edging the large lawn fronting the stone dwelling. The two stores are located almost at the edge of the pavement of the roads, indicating the closely built, rural character of the original village. Both the stores are in deteriorated condition, while the residences are occupied. Following are brief descriptions of the buildings:

Ordeman House, 2301 Mt. Ephraim Rd.: The stone dwelling has two sections, the western being apparently the earlier and possibly built about 1810. The west section has four bays on the first story and three on the second. Two entrances are on the principal south elevation, with 4-panel doors and transoms set in paneled soffits. The windows are 9/6 on the first and 6/6 on the second, with gauged brick arches. The eastern stone section adjoins on the gable end of the earlier building and has two bays with 6/6 windows. The area of the spandrels between the bays is narrower than in the west section. A one-story porch extends across both sections on the south elevation. Interior end chimneys rise above the wood shingle roof and a third chimney located at the original east gable end of the original section is also in place. A two-

story wood and stone addition on the north elevation appears to have been considerably altered in the mid-20th century. The interior of the house was inaccessible. On the 1850 map, the house is shown as owned by H. D. Ordeman (1812-1884), a former sea captain born in Germany who settled in the 1840's at Park Mills where he ran a distillery. Owner: Denis E. and Kathleen A. Reen, 2301 Mt. Ephraim Road, Adamstown, MD 21710.

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8. Significance

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Level of Significance: national state *local

The Park Mills Survey District is moderately significant for its association with 19th century rural industrial sites in the vicinity, including the Amelung Glassworks, later the site of the Kohlenberg Glass Factory (demolished), the Fleecy Dale Woolen Factory (demolished), and H. D. Ordeman's distillery (site unlocated, but presumably demolished). These industries spawned the settlement of the small community at the intersection of Mt. Ephraim and Bear Branch Roads, but the town never developed much population or many residential buildings. In the usual style of rural industrial villages, houses were widely scattered, with the center of the village marked by the road intersection, at which two frame general stores are still In the context of town -tanding, suggesting its former commercial activity. lanning, Park Mills has minimal significance, but in architecture, the stone dwelling of Capt. H. D. Ordeman, the operator of the distillery from about the 1840's to the 1880's, is moderately significant for the stonemasonry of the exterior. Mobley's Store retains its original siding and a deteriorated, faded sign in the style of late 19th century commercial art, a rarity in surviving rural stores of the period.

With additional archeological investigation, the sites of the distillery and the saw and grist mills indicated on the 1873 Titus Atlas map in the vicinity of Park Mills could probably be identified. The Amelung Glassworks, a National Register site, have been tested and artifacts recovered to support the significance of the Amelung manufactory. The Fleecy Dale Factory is known mostly by documentary evidence and its exact location and character are unknown. It operated from about 1810 to 1870 with a long decline from about 1850 to 1870.

Major Bibliographical References F-7-26 Survey No. Bond, Isaac. Map of Frederick County, 1858. Land Records of Frederick County Miller, Charles W. Post Offices of Frederick County, 1887. Typescript in Frederick Co. Planning & Zoning Department (Continued on separate sheet) **Geographical Data** Acreage of nominated property 5 acres Quadrangle name Buckeystown, Md.-Va. 1:24000 Quadrangle scale **UTM References** do NOT complete UTM references Zone Easting Northing Zone Easting Northina Verbal boundary description and justification Approximately 5 acres centered on the intersection of Mt. Ephraim and Bear Branch Roads. List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries state code county code state county code Form Prepared By Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyor name/title Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept.date organization October 1993 12 E. Church Street 696-2958 street & number telephone Frederick 21701 MD city or town state The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement. The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights. Maryland Historical Trust return to: MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST Shaw House DHCP/DHCD 21 State Circle 100 COMMUNITY PLACE

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7.1 Description (Continued)

Store No. 1, northwest corner of Mt. Ephraim and Bear Branch Roads: This one-story frame building has a gable facade on the east with three bays and a cantilevered shed porch roof. The exterior is covered with brick patterned asphalt siding, probably concealing german siding. The windows are missing, with some openings boarded, and the interior is filled with debris. A deteriorated 4-panel door is still in place. The roof is standing seam metal with an interior chimney on the south side. Single window openings are located on both the north and south elevations and a four-panel door is located near the northwest corner on the west elevation. In the gable ends are single window openings lighting the attic level, probably a storage area when the store was active. Although no conclusive deed information could identify the store, it has the form of a typical rural dry goods store of the third quarter of the 19th century. Owner: Chester L., Jr., and V. Darlene Morris, 2304 Mt. Ephraim Road, Adamstown, MD 21710.

This store faces north from the southwest corner of Bear Mobley's Store: Branch and Mt. Ephraim Roads. It has a faded painted sign panel still in place above the shed porch roof which reads Mobley's (Store?) in flowing script and flanked by the words "groceries" and "dry goods". The exterior german siding is weathered, but the windows have iron bars, which have generally preserved the 2/2 sash. The siding is applied in a variation of the usual german pattern, which has the channel or dropped concave edge at the top of each board. On this building, the channel is on the bottom edge of the board. roof is corrugated metal. The center entrance has a four-panel door with a transom. On the south elevation, the stone foundation is exposed and an opening on the east side gives access to the cellar. The date of the store is probably about 1860-1870, and, although information on its dates of operation was not found, it is assumed that it continued to do business into the early 20th century. Owner: Michael E. and Susan R. Oehmig, 7411 Bear Branch Road, Adamstown, MD 21710.

2247 Mt. Ephraim Road: This two-story house presumably has log structure under the present modern, T-111 type siding. A replacement one-story porch extends across the irregular bays on the west elevation. Replacement 6/6 modern windows are present, but the north gable end has 3/1 windows. The roof is covered with composition material and the south end of the house has a modern deck on a concrete block base with a carport. The house has approximately 3 small outbuildings, some of which may also be log structures under modern siding. The date of the house is difficult to estimate because of alterations, but probably is in the period 1830-1850. Owner: Blake A. Patterson, 2229 Mt. Ephraim Road, Adamstown, MD 21710.

2229 Mt. Ephraim Road: This dwelling is somewhat separated from the rest of the buildings, being the southernmost of the district. Its isolation is not unusual in the rural villages of Frederick County, most having been developed with pastures and garden lots often separating buildings by some distance. The house is a two-story frame or log building with german siding and a composition roof. It has three bays on the first story and two on the second. The transom over the center doorway has been covered, and a modern deck adjoins the west elevation. The windows are 6/6. The two-story rear wing, which has vinyl

7.2 Description (Continued)

siding, has an attached modern garage. A frame bank barn and several other outbuildings are located east of the house. The date of the house is probably about 1820-1850. Owner: Blake A. Patterson, 2229 Mt. Ephraim Road, Adamstown, MD 21710.

7411 Bear Branch Road: This is the most altered of the buildings in the survey district. The original section is a two-story frame or log building with artificial siding and replacement windows in its three-bay north elevation. The replacement 6/6 sash is smaller than the original openings. The replacement door is also smaller than the doorway. The roof is covered with composition material. On the south elevation, the two-story rear wing is greatly enlarged with several modern additions and the current principal entrance is located on the east side of the rear addition. The date of the house is about 1820-1850. Owner: Michael E. and Susan R. Oehmig, 7411 Bear Branch Road, Adamstown, MD 21710.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

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Although several buildings in Park Mills are occupied, the town is essentially a ghost town. Two dry goods stores stand empty in the middle of town. A deteriorating log house is at the north edge of town. A beautiful stone and stuccoed residence with two storied porch although occupied is in bad repair, and sits back from the Mount Ephraim Road. A small miller's house sits on a hill south of the town. All of the buildings appear to date from the second and third quarter of the 19th century. Preservation of this town is extremely important to the history of the Urbana area.

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Park Mills is located close to the site of New Bremen the German colony established by Frederick Amelung in the 1780's to accomodate his glass works. The Amelung glass works went bankrupt in 1795 at which time a new glass works was established by Adam Kohlenburg, a partner of Frederick Amelung, south of the old works on Bear Branch Road. These glass works operated until at least 1808.1

In 1810, the census list the Fleecy Dale Woolen Factory belonging to a Mathew Brown who rented it to J. Sykes.² In May, 1810 it was announced in a local newspaper a fulling mill would be operating by August 10, 1810, and that a wool sorter trained in Leeds or some other English factory was needed. At one point, the mill had two hundred spindles and sixteen looms and employed ten men, fourteen women and fifteen children.

From 12,500 pounds of wool and 3,000 pounds of cotton, \$13,750 worth of satinets, cottons and woolens were produced.

The 1860 Census shows a decrease in the company production valuing the Fleecy Dale Manufacturing Company yarn mills at \$5,000 with nine employees and an output of 6,000 pounds of yarn and 9,120 pounds of cotton.³

In 1870, the company had closed and today northing remains of the buildings in which Fleecy Dale Manufacturing operated. In addition to wool, flour barrels sassafrass and coffins were made in Park Mills.⁴

The town has played an important part in the development of the Urbana area and the industrial progress of Western Maryland.

- 1 Map of Frederick County, Varle', 1808.
- 2 Journal of Glass Studies, Volume 18-1976, p. 39
- All of the above information was provided by the Fleecy Dale Factory in the Inventory of Historical Sites in Western Montgomery and Frederick Counties, Md. Sugarloaf Trails, 1975, p.39
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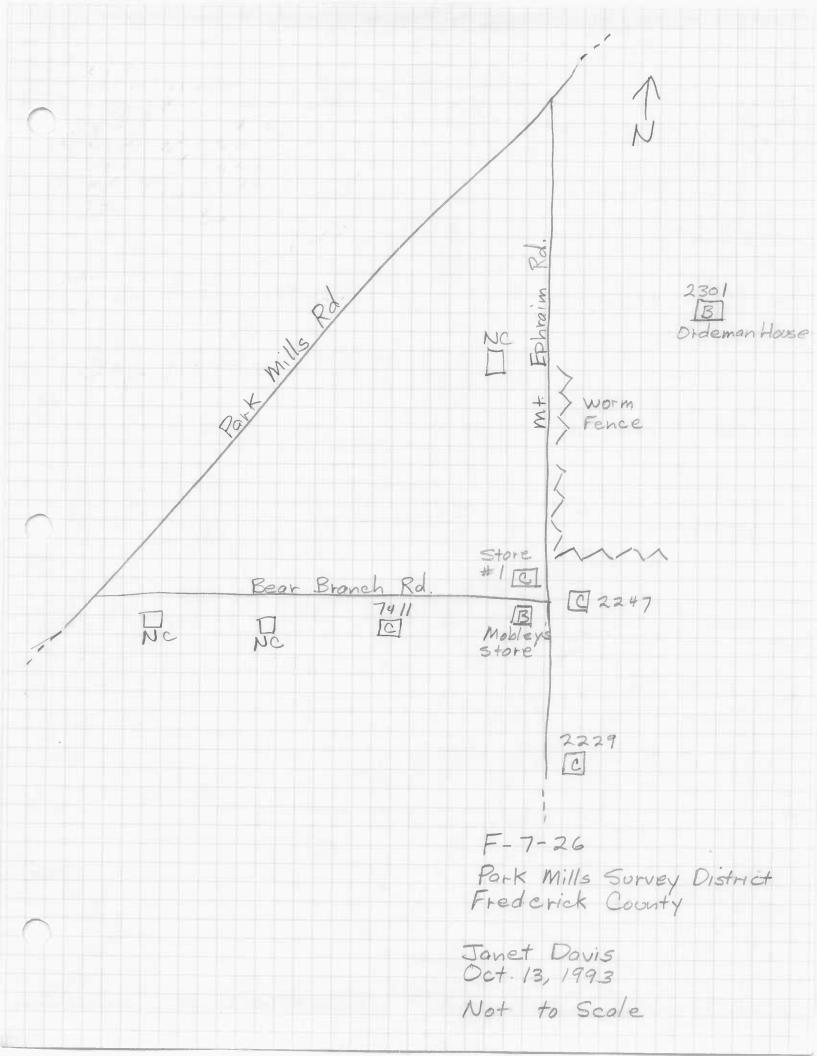
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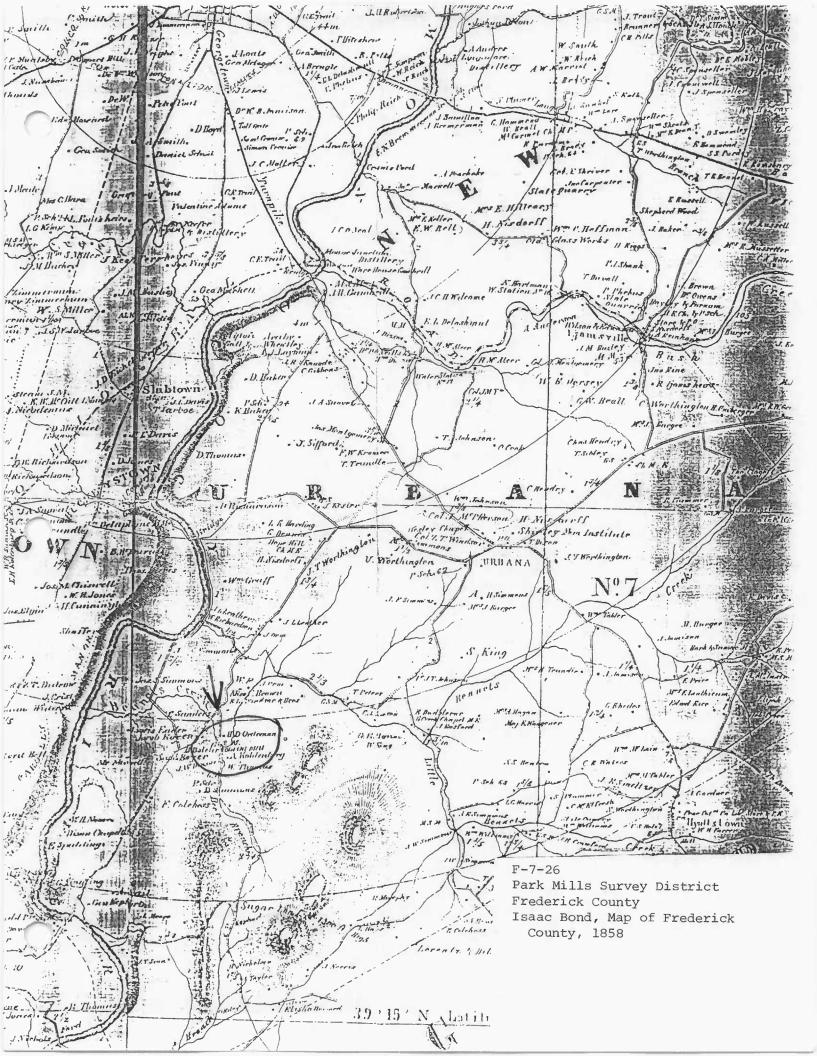
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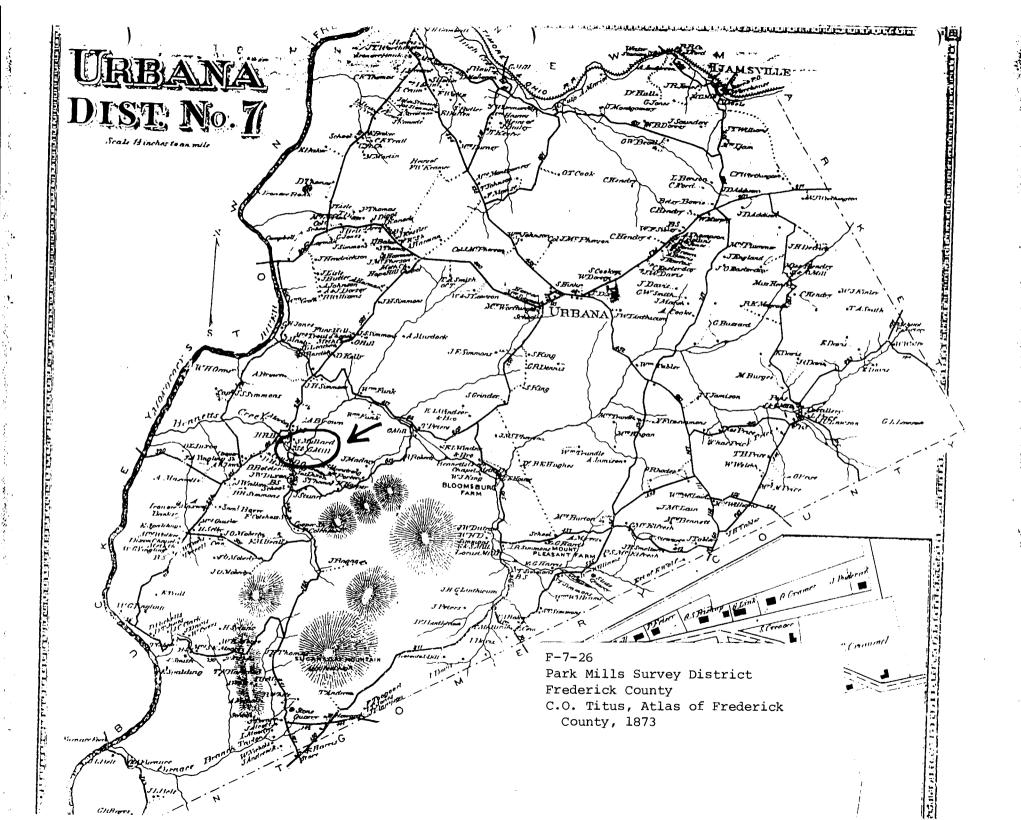
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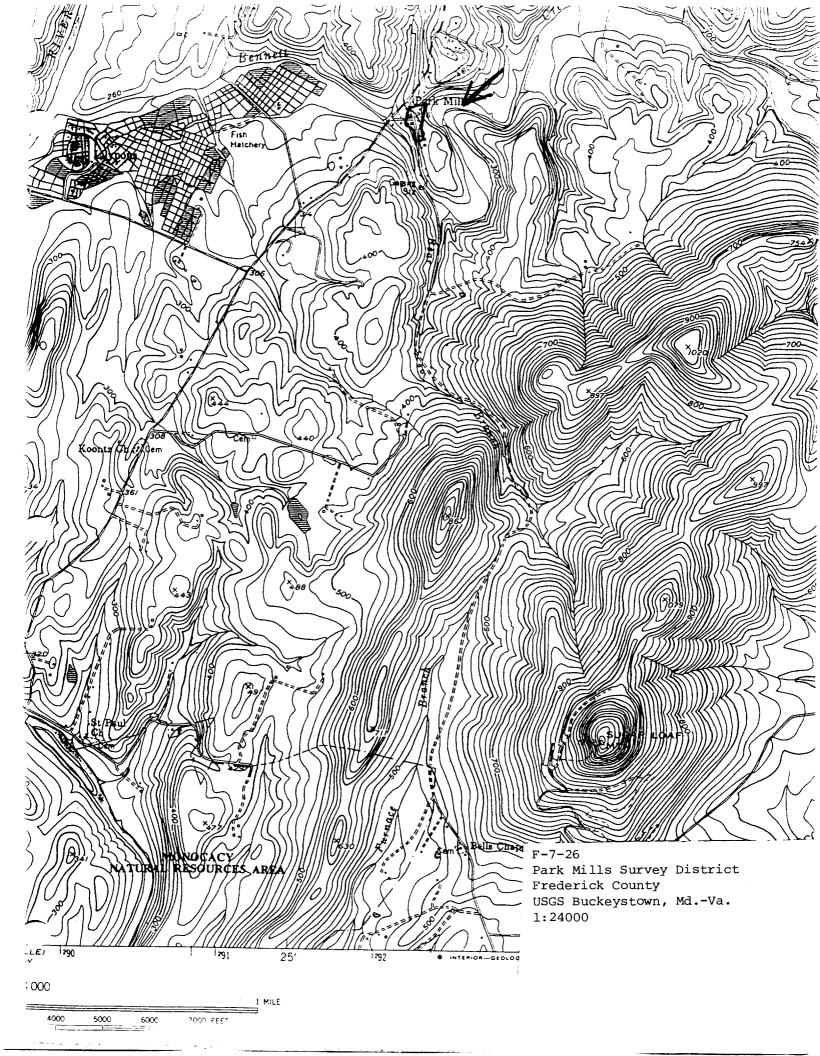
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